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## **Mission**

To provide free legal services to very low income families in Seminole County. Our mission is to provide very low income families access to the legal system to empower them to become self-sufficient, improve their quality of life, and protect abused spouses and children. The organization has been providing these services to the indigent community since 1975. Services are provided with the assistance of staff attorneys, a support staff and a panel of volunteer attorneys and laypersons.

## **Business Strategy**

Section 28.2401 of the Florida Statutes provides for the inclusion of a \$16.00 filing fee to be used by governments for the specific purpose of providing and maintaining a legal aid program.

Cases pursued by the Legal Aid Society are of a civil (non-criminal) nature, specifically in the areas of family law, landlord/tenant rights, and guardianship law and elderly law.

In FY 1999/2000 the Legal Aid Society collected over \$304,854 annually in child support payments for low-income families in Seminole County.

## **Objectives**

Continue to provide free legal assistance and to improve the quality of life for indigent individuals in Seminole County.

<b>Department:</b>		<b>JUDICIAL</b>			<b>Seminole County</b>	
<b>Division:</b>		<b>LEGAL AID</b>			<b>FY 2001/02</b>	
<b>Section:</b>		<b>-</b>			<b>FY 2002/03</b>	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>						
Personal Services	0	0	0		0	
Operating Services	214,076	216,000	222,376	3.0%	222,376	0.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
<b>Subtotal Operating</b>	<b>214,076</b>	<b>216,000</b>	<b>222,376</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>222,376</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>214,076</b>	<b>216,000</b>	<b>222,376</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>222,376</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>FUNDING SOURCE (s)</b>						
General Fund	214,076	216,000	222,376	3.0%	222,376	0.0%
<b>TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)</b>	<b>214,076</b>	<b>216,000</b>	<b>222,376</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>222,376</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
<b>New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02</b>						
<b>New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03</b>						
<b>Capital Improvements</b>		<b>2001-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0